



COLORADO RIVER WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE
WATER RIGHTS SUMMARY
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The Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise owns and controls water supplies, which are available for contracting pursuant to the River District's Water Marketing Policy. Following is a brief summary of the River District's sources of supply. A more detailed description is also available. Both the summary and detailed description are available for use by River District contractors in their Water Court applications. This document is available to River District contractors in electronic format on request.

I. Colorado River Supply Sources.

A. Wolford Mountain Reservoir. The River District owns and operates Wolford Mountain Reservoir (f/k/a Gunsight Pass Reservoir).

- (1) Legal description of place of storage: The dam is located in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 25, T. 2 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M. The intersection of the dam axis (Sta. D19+35.61) with the West Access Road (Sta. WR50+55.05) occurs at a point which bears S. 53°24'56" E. a distance of 3,395.51 feet from the NW corner of said Section 25; the bearing of said dam axis from Sta. 19+35.61 to Sta. 0+00 being S. 75° 28' 29" E.
- (2) Source: Muddy Creek and its tributaries.
- (3) Previous storage decrees:
 - (a) Case No. 87CW283:
Decree Date: Nov. 20, 1989.
Court: District Court, Water Div. No. 5.
Amount: 59,993 a.f.
Appropriation Date: Dec. 14, 1987.
Use: All beneficial uses, including but not limited to domestic, municipal, agricultural and recreational uses.
 - (b) Case No. 95CW281:
Decree Date: Aug. 26, 1997.
Court: District Court, Water Div. No. 5.
Amount: 6,000 a.f. (enlargement).
Appropriation Date: Jan. 16, 1995.

Use: All beneficial uses by and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the River District, including but not limited to domestic, municipal, industrial, irrigation, agricultural, piscatorial, recreational and environmental mitigation.

- (c) Case No. 98CW237:
Decree Date: July 6, 2000.
Court: District Court, Water Div. No. 5.
Amount: 30,000 a.f. (refill).
Appropriation Date: Nov. 17, 1998.
Use: Certain of the beneficial uses previously adjudicated for Wolford Mountain Reservoir in Cases No. 87CW283 and 95CW281.

B. Ruedi Reservoir. The River District is entitled to deliveries of water from Ruedi Reservoir pursuant to contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

- (1) Legal description of place of storage: Ruedi Reservoir is located in Sections 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14 through 18, T. 8 S., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., in Eagle and Pitkin Counties. The dam axis intersects the right abutment at a point whence the SW corner of Section 7, T. 8 S., R. 84 W. of the 6th P.M. bears N. 82°10'W. a distance of 1,285 feet.
- (2) Source: Fryingpan River.
- (3) Previous storage decrees:
- (a) Civil Action No. 4613:
Decree Date: June 20, 1958.
Court: Garfield County District Court.
Amount: 140,697.3 a.f., reduced to 102,369 a.f. pursuant to order of the District Court, Water Div. No. 5 in Case No. W-789-76.
Appropriation Date: July 29, 1957.
Use: Domestic, municipal, irrigation, industrial, generation of electrical energy, stock watering and piscatorial.
- (b) Case No. 81CW34:
Decree Date: April 8, 1985.
Court: District Court, Water Div. No. 5.
Amount: 101,280 a.f. (refill).
Appropriation Date: Jan. 22, 1981.

Use: Irrigation, domestic, municipal, generation of electrical energy, stock watering, industrial, piscatorial, recreation and maintenance of sufficient storage reserves to fulfill contractual obligations and provide stored water for recreation in times of drought.

II. Eagle River Supply Sources. Eagle Park Reservoir Company owns and operates the Eagle Park Reservoir Project located in the headwaters of the Eagle River. The River District is a shareholder in Eagle Park Reservoir Company and is entitled to yield from the Eagle Park Reservoir Project and exchange supplies provided by Aurora and Colorado Springs pursuant to contract.

A. Eagle Park Reservoir Project.

- (1) Eagle Park Reservoir.** Eagle Park Reservoir was decreed by the District Court, Water Div. No. 5, in Cases No. 92CW340 and 93CW301, for a total capacity of 27,600 a.f., with an appropriation date of March 16, 1991, for 5,300 a.f., and May 18, 1993, for 22,300 a.f., together with the right to divert at the rate of 80 cfs under the Aug. 10, 1956 appropriation date of the Pando Feeder Canal pursuant to the decree of the District Court, Water Div. No. 5, entered in Case No. 97CW288, for mining, milling, industrial, snowmaking, municipal, domestic, stock watering, recreation, fish and wildlife, irrigation, agricultural, exchange, replacement, augmentation and all other beneficial purposes. Eagle Park Reservoir is augmented by exchange by decree of the District Court, Water Div. No. 5, entered in Case No. 95CW348. The north abutment of the dam crest is located approximately 160 feet north of the south section line and 650 feet east of the west section line of Section 28, T. 7 S., R. 79 W., 6th P.M., Eagle County, Colorado. The source of Eagle Park Reservoir is the East Fork of the Eagle River including runoff, surface flow and seepage from the area above the reservoir and tributary thereto and water tributary to Tenmile Creek, a tributary of the Blue River.
- (2) Arkansas Well.** The Arkansas Well water consists of the first 455 a.f. per year of historic transbasin diversions from an undivided 1/7th interest in and to the Stevens and Leiter Ditch, originally decreed by the Chaffee County District Court for 38 cfs with a priority date of Sept. 1, 1873, as changed by the Chaffee County District Court in Civil Action No. 5276, to a new point of diversion which is a well located on the East Fork of the Arkansas River in Lake County, Colorado in the E1/2 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 10, T. 8 S., R. 79 W. of the 6th P.M. whence the SE corner of Section 10 bears South 17°37' East a distance of 364.8 feet. The new point of diversion was confirmed by the District Court, Water Div. No. 2, in Case No. 91CW028, providing that the water could be diverted at the rate of 1.086 cfs, with an annual volumetric limit of 786 a.f., to the Colorado River Basin without any return flows to the Arkansas River

Basin, together with the right to use, reuse and successively use said water to extinction.

B. Exchange Supply.

- (1) **Homestake Project.** Homestake Reservoir, a/k/a Elliott-Weers Reservoir, was decreed by the Eagle County District Court in Civil Action No. 1193 for 83,338.98 a.f. The reservoir is located on Homestake Creek with the dam being located whence the NW corner of Section 31 T. 7 S., R. 80 W., 6th P.M. bears N. 58°30.6' E. 24,659 feet from the East dam abutment and N. 62°25.8' E. 25,746 feet from the West dam abutment. The sources of supply are the East Fork of Homestake Creek, the Middle Fork of Homestake Creek and Homestake Creek.
- (2) **Camp Hale Project.** Aurora and Colorado Springs may provide to the River District water released from those surface and ground water storage rights sought by Aurora and Colorado Springs in Cases No. 88CW449 and 95CW272, District Court, Water Div. No. 5.